

over the cited art, for at least the same reasons as allowed Claim 6.

A review of the other art of record has failed to reveal anything which, in Applicants' opinion, would remedy the deficiencies of May et al. and Siemens, as references against independent Claims 1 and 4. Those claims are therefore believed patentable over the art of record.

The dependent claims are also believed patentable since they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claims discussed above.

#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the practice set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants respectfully apprise the Examiner of the following documents.

<u>Document</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Pertinent Portions</u>
<u>U.S. Patent</u>		<u>Issue Date</u>	
1. 4,113,993	Heckman, et al.	09/12/87	Col. 2, lines 40-61; col. 3, line 45 - col. 4, line 51; col. 7, line 5 - col. 10, line 68; Figs. 1-7
2. 4,566,127	Sekiya et al.	01/21/86	Col. 2, line 5 - col. 4, line 33; Figs. 1-4

<u>European Patent Application</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
3. 0,125,877    Kamada, et al.	11/21/84    Page 4, line 11 - page 7, line 8; Figs. 1-3

  

<u>West German Patent</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
4. 3,415,839    Ikehata, et al.	11/08/84    Page 5, line 20- page 13, line 35; Figs. 1-4

Documents (1)-(4), which were cited in a Search Report in connection with the European Patent Office counterpart of this application (a copy of that Search Report is attached), are deemed possibly pertinent hereto at least in the portions indicated in the above table.

A copy of each of documents (1)-(4) is submitted herewith, and each is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

The concise explanation of relevance which accompanies each noted item is believed to comply with the requirements of MPEP § 609 ("[The] concise explanation of the relevance of each listed item [required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)] . . . may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention").

It should be noted that each of the cited items might be considered relevant in its entirety by the Examiner. While it is believed that the foregoing statements of

relevance accurately reflect the relevance of the cited documents, no representation is being made that any of the explanations in this Information Disclosure Statement necessarily reflect the manner in which the Examiner would interpret the cited information or that there are not portions other than those mentioned which the Examiner would deem pertinent. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present amendment responds to all of the points raised in the Office Action of November 9, 1990, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

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